AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 7-24, as follows:

The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/552,863, currently abandoned, ——————— (IBM Docket No. AUS0000178US1) entitled "Strongly Encapsulated Environments for the Development, Deployment, and Management of Complex Application configurations" filed even date herewith, to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/552,864, currently abandoned, ————————— (IBM Docket No. AUS000179US1 entitled "A Method for Creating Encapsulated Applications with Controlled Separation form an Application's Runtime Representation" filed even date herewith, and to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/552,862, currently allowed, ———————— (IBM Docket No. AUS000180US1) entitled "Mechanism for Automated, Generic Application Damage Detection and Repair in Strongly Encapsulated Applications" filed even date herewith. The content of the above mentioned commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Please amend the paragraphs on page 7, lines 11-20, as follows:

Figure 1 depicts a pictorial representation of a distributed data processing system which includes [[in which]] the present invention [[may be implemented]] in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 depicts a block diagram of a data processing system that may be implemented as an application development server which includes the present invention in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 3 depicts a block diagram of a data processing system which includes [[in which]] the present invention may be implemented in accordance with the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph that starts on page 32, line 24, and ends on page 33, line 6, as follows:

With reference now to **Figure 8**, a block diagram illustrating a synchronization facility that monitors the data processing system and continuously updates the working definitions of the environment and applications is depicted in accordance with the present invention. The synchronization facility **804** monitors the data processing system for modifications to the application under development. As modifications to the application are discovered, synchronization facility **804** translates these changes into each view of the application on the current system. Thus, this synchronization facility **804** provides different views and representations of the same structures, such as source code, [[scrips,]] scripts, documents, and the like.

Please amend the paragraph on page 35, lines 6-14, as follows:

If a change [[an Change]] has occurred within the data processing system, then the configuration facility determines whether the event will have an affect [[effect]] on any of the working definitions of any of the installed applications or [[an]] the working definition of any of the computing environments (step **908**). If the change did not affect [[effect]] any of the working definitions, then the configuration facility ignores the change (step **910**) and continues monitoring the system for changes (step **902**).